

WALKED 10,000 MILES THROUGH CHINA WILDS SEARCHING FOR LOST WIFE AND CHILD

Dr. George Hadden, His Wife and
Son Patrick.



San Francisco, March 13.—Wandering for three years through the wildest parts of Central China in search of his wife and child, Dr. George Hadden, a missionary from Ireland, encountered adventures that rival fiction.

In his hunt he covered 10,000 miles, traversed Hu-nan province to the border of Tibet, was pelted with clods by 2,000 semi-barbarous Chinese at Kueiyangchow and had many thrilling escapes from death.

The Haddens were stationed at the mission at Yungchowfu, where he has been the missionary for seven years, and they were separated in March, 1910, by the Shangsha riots on the Yang river, a tributary of the Yangtse Kiang. Mrs. Haddon was carried to Hankow, where on St. Patrick's day she gave birth to a boy. Dr. Hadden was carried up the river and so lost all knowledge of his wife's

whereabouts and did not know about the child until he found them both, after three years of wandering, in Hongkong.

He wrote many letters, none of which brought him news of his wife, and having no other method of travel he walked from place to place through the great interior of the empire.

Dr. Hadden is a picturesque character in appearance, 7 feet 4 inches tall, and a great pedestrian. While walking across the plowed fields at Kuei Yang Chow, the natives, who are almost wild and uncivilized, looked upon him as a devil in flesh and blood, and followed him, 2,000 strong. He felt that to run would be to invite destruction, so he walked calmly before the excited horde, but admitted he walked rather fast.

After three year sof travel he finally got back to his old station in Yung